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Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: NONE.

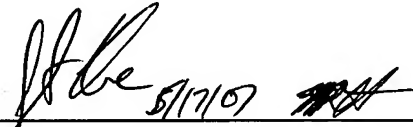
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Proposed amendments to claim were presented and discussed, Examiners Krause and Hannon suggested changes to the proposed language to better clarify the claim language. Any amendments are subject to further search and consideration.

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For: CYLINDRICAL-SHAPED BEARING FOR RECIPROCATORY SLIDING

Proposed Amendments - for Discussion Purposes only

As proposed with claims 1-3 and 8-10 pending on the application, claims 4 and 5 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1 and 8 are amended and claims 9 (original claim 4) and 10 (original claim 5) are added.

1. (Previously Presented) A cylindrical-shaped bearing for supporting a reciprocating shaft, comprising,
an inner peripheral surface for supporting thereon the reciprocating shaft
when the shaft is a reciprocating,

wherein the inner peripheral surface includes a first surface extending parallel to a central axis of the cylindrical-shaped bearing, and second and third tapered surfaces between which the first surface is arranged in a direction of the central axis and which are inclined with respect to the central axis in such a manner that diameters of the second and third tapered surfaces decrease in respective axial directions away from respective axial ends of the inner peripheral surface toward the first surface to enable the shaft to contact simultaneously both of the second and third tapered surfaces when the shaft is reciprocating and is inclined with respect to the central axis.

2. (Original) A cylindrical-shaped bearing according to claim 1, wherein when an axial length of the first surface is P and an axial length of the inner peripheral surface as a total amount of the axial length of the first surface and axial lengths of the second and third tapered surfaces is W, a relationship between P and W satisfies a formula of

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$$0.5/W \leq PW \leq 1/3.$$

3. (Original) A cylindrical-shaped bearing according to claim 1, wherein an angle between the central axis and each of the second and third tapered surfaces in a cross sectional view taken along an imaginary plane extending along the central axis is not less than 0.05 degree and not more than 5.0 degree.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A cylindrical-shaped bearing according to claim 2,
wherein $PW \leq 2.45^\circ$.

9. (New – Original claim 4) A cylindrical-shaped bearing according to claim 1, wherein in a cross sectional view taken along an imaginary plane extending along the central axis, one of side surfaces of the second tapered surface and one of side surfaces of the third tapered surface opposed to each other through the central axis is parallel to each other.

10. (New - Original claim 5) A cylindrical-shaped bearing according to claim 9, wherein a distance between the ones of the side surfaces in a direction perpendicular to the ones of the side surfaces is not less than a diameter of the reciprocating shaft.

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